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SUBJECT: RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS OF SHORT SUPPLY ITEMS

REF: A) STATE 23965, 2/5/74; B) LONDON'S A-1509, 10/13/

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1. REFERENCE B PROVIDED A SYNOPSIS OF UK EXPORT CONTROLS AS OF OCTOBER 1972. HMG TO DATE, HAS NOT USED EXPORT TAXES TO CONTROL EXPORTS. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, THE FOLLOWING EXPORT RESTRAINTS ARE IN EFFECT OR WILL BE INTRODUCED, BY HMG FOR REASONS OF DOMESTIC SHORT SUPPLY:

A) FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS (I.E. COPPER, LEAD, ALUMINUM) SCRAP EXPORTS WERE PLACED ON LICENSING CONTROL IN 1946 (CIRCA). IN MID-1973, THERE WAS A RESTRICTED QUOTA OF LOW GRADE FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS ALLOWED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) COUNTRIES AND EXPORTS OF FERROUS SCRAP TO NON-EC COUNTRIES WERE BANNED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT UNDER TERMS OF EC ACCESSION (ARTICLE 43), UK IS ALLOWED TO CONTROL THESE EXPORTS TO EC UNTIL END OF 1974. IT IS MOOT WHETHER UK IN PRESENT
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SITUATION, WILL TAKE OFF THESE CONTROLS AT END OF 1974.

B) COAL - EXPORT LICENSES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL COAL EXPORTS BEGINNING 2/18/74.

C) STEEL - EXPORT LICENSES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL STEEL EXPORTS BEGINNING 2/18. EXPORT CONTROLS ON COAL AND STEEL ARE REPORTEDLY TEMPORARY DUE TO CURRENT UK COAL MINERS STRIKE.

D) OIL - EXPORT LICENSING FOR OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS WAS INTRODUCED IN 12/73.

E) LIQUID PROPANE GAS (LPG) EXPORT LICENSING INTRODUCED 12/73. LICENSING CONTROL ON OIL AND LPG, REPORTEDLY TEMPORARY, STEM FROM UK COAL STRIKE AND WORLD-WIDE ENERGY CRISIS.

F) POTATOES - CONTROLS WILL BE INTRODUCED 2/19. BAN ON EXPORTS TO CONTROL DOMESTIC PRICES UNTIL NEW CROP COMES IN ABOUT JUNE (THIS CONTROL PERMISSIBLE UNDER ARTICLE 60.2 OF UK TREATY OF ACCESSION TO EC).

2. WE UNDERSTAND HMG LICENSING AUTHORITIES WILL MAINTAIN TIGHT SURVEILLANCE OF ALL EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS TO INSURE THAT UK EXPORTS DO NOT AFFECT UK ECONOMY ADVERSELY.

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